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had been in Nuevo Laredo one day and a half, who said he came from near Tampico on the Mexican Central Railroad, was placed in camp, as neither of the above could furnish satisfactory evidence and from their tales I considered suspicious. They had hardly any money, only enough to support them one or two days at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. I therefore placed them in detention at camp, as I was then also sure that they would not escape inspection in crossing the border. Their money lasted until the 15th instant, when I wired for authority to purchase rations. I furnished rations four days. They were eight and seven days in camp, which completed their time of ten days' known whereabouts.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Arkansas.*

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., October 26, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox is now prevalent in this State in the localities named below: Batesville, 1 case; (a) Newport, 2 cases; (a) Tuckerman, 2 cases; Russellville, 1 case; Mananna, 1 case; Little Rock, 10 cases. The disease is reported at several other points, but investigation has not yet been made.

Respectfully, yours,

L. P. GIBSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

NEWPORT, ARK., October 27, 1899.

SIR: I respectfully report the appearance of smallpox at this station. There are 6 cases of the disease in a very mild form, and 1 case of the discrete form. There have been 5 cases at Diaz, 2 miles north of here, and 8 cases on the Stephens farm, 4 miles southeast of Newport. The board of health of this city and the county board of health are making an earnest effort to isolate all cases, and to prevent the spread of the disease.

Respectfully,

HENRY OWEN,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Benton Harbor, Mich.*

CHICAGO, ILL., October 28, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report the prevalence of smallpox (10 cases) at Benton Harbor, Mich. I would also state that only 1 boat plies between Chicago and that port at this season of the year, and that the crew of the vessel has been vaccinated by a medical officer of the Service detailed for that purpose.

Respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*The smallpox outbreak in Bristol, Va.-Tenn.*

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 22, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that in obedience to your telegraph instructions, date October 11, 1899, I proceeded to Bristol, Tenn.-Va., via Richmond, Va., arriving at Bristol on the forenoon of October 13, for the purpose of deciding the nature of an eruptive disease prevailing in that section, and to advise with the authorities as to the best method for its suppression.

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<sup>a</sup> Jackson County. Several cases in the county.